



Docket No.: 50212-207

#9C/BM
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

Toshiki TARU, et al. :

Serial No.: 09/830,939 :

Group Art Unit: 3743

Filed: May 03, 2001 :

Examiner: J. Derrington

For: OPTICAL FIBER DRAWING METHOD AND OPTICAL FIBER DRAWING
FURNACE

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RECEIVED

JAN 24 2003

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in further response to the
Office Action dated October 7, 2002 supplementing the Amendment submitted
January 7, 2003.:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 7 as follows.

RECEIVED

JAN 29 2003

TC 1700

7. (Three Times Amended) An optical fiber drawing furnace comprising a
furnace core tube through which a fiber [perform] preform penetrates vertically, a heater
disposed around said furnace core tube, and a [perform] preform container connected to
an upper portion of said furnace core tube so as to be integral with said furnace core tube
to form a semi-closed space opening in part at a lower end, for housing said fiber
[perform] preform inside,